

Christ Church Deer Park

July 23, 2023
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist
at 10:30 am



WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

We are glad to have you worship with us!

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.



Hello! Whether this is your first time through our doors or your one thousandth, we are glad you are here! At our church you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable doing.

So, what is our community like? Well, we are a church community from different generations and different walks of life. We are here because we want to follow Jesus and live in community with one another and our neighbours in this little corner of Toronto. We care deeply about feeding the hungry and welcoming refugees; we affirm that all people, including our LGBTQ2SI+ siblings, are made in the image of God and should be included in all the practices of our life of faith; and, no matter where we are on our spiritual journeys, we strive to lament together, rejoice together, and hold each other up on this journey of faith and life.

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Climate Action Group – Phyllis Creighton, Lead

Spiritus – TBD, Editor

Rummage Re-Imagined – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

Holy + Holly (Christmas Festival) – Barbara Johnston, Lead

If you are here a few minutes early, please join us for refreshments on the south lawn.

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering

Opening Hymn #478

(please stand)

Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast

Albano

Almighty God, thy Word is cast
like seed into the ground:
now let the dew of heaven descend
and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of righteousness
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in every heart,
to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.

Oft as the precious seed is sown,
thy quickening grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving power may know.

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Gloria

Senchur

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, patient and forbearing, strengthen our spirit when we are slow and temper our zeal when we are rash, so that in your own time you may produce in us a rich harvest from the seed you have sown and tended; through Jesus Christ, the promise of a new creation.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

Listening to God

(please be seated)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring

shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel. *Genesis 28:10-19a*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139

Resignation

My Lord you have examined me
You know me through and through
You see my deeds, perceive my thoughts
My speech, my motives too
You wrap me round on every side
On me you place your hand
Such knowledge is too wonderful
For me to understand

The presence of your Spirit will
Be with me to the last
Wherever I decide to go
Your love will hold me fast
If I should try to run from you
I know without a doubt
No darkness could conceal my path
Your light would shine me out

You made me in my mother's womb
So intricate your ways
And even then before my birth
You numbered all my days
Before I sleep and as I wake
I know that you are there

How could I ever sound the depths
Of your unfailing care

And yet I find my soul perturbed
By bitterness and grief
For many choose to treat your word
With scornful unbelief
So search me Lord and cleanse my heart
From all that you abhor
Then teach me how to walk with you
Today and evermore

The Holy Gospel

(please stand as you are able)

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily *(please be seated)*

Musical Interlude

The Apostles' Creed *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

Leader: Trusting in the One who made us, dwells in us, and calls us to life, we pray for the world, the church, and all in need.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,
and fill us with your love.
Open our eyes to see the presence of God all around us,
in the stillness of this sacred space,
in the busyness and noise of our city streets,
in the joys and celebrations of our lives,
in the tragedies and struggles that break our hearts.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,
and comfort those who grieve.**

Leader: Grant them the peace that only you can bring.
Stir within us a trust in life beyond death,
as we ponder the mysteries of Christ's resurrection
and the hope we have in new and everlasting life.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,
and bring wholeness to the sick.**

Leader: Strengthen those who are weak;
heal the wounded and broken;
give rest to the weary.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,
and inspire our warring world to seek peace,**

Leader: to love our enemies,
to put away our weapons,
to remember the price paid for our freedom,
to care for those who have served.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,
and ignite a fire in our bones,**

Leader: a passion for justice that cannot be quenched
until all of your children are loved,
until no one is marginalized or oppressed,
until everyone has the opportunity to thrive,
until the world is transformed and renewed.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,
and revive your church.**

Leader: Gracious God,
give us a glimpse of your kingdom
emerging around us
and drawing us into the new things
you are doing in the world. We pray all this through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

(please continue to stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Presider: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

(please stand)

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Sharing What We Have

Presider: We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.
In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but by what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
to bless God's church, God's people, and God's creation. Amen.

Sharing What We Have

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us and because God has designed us to be givers.

Ways to Give Financially

- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine at the back of the church
- E-transfer to *donations@christchurchdeerpark.org*
- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to the right to be brought to the website)
- Through automatic monthly PAR or credit donations
please contact *bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org* if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering



We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

Offertory Hymn #502

You Are Salt for the Earth

Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are salt for the earth, O people,
Salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people,
Light for the city of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

You are a seed of the Word, O people,
Bring forth the kingdom Of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the kingdom Of God! *Refrain*

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people,
Bound for the kingdom Of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the kingdom Of God! *Refrain*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Presider: These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the sidespeople pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
 - **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
 - **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
 - **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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Communion Music #458

(please be seated)

See Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And God's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, Alleluia *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Presider: Glory to God,

All: whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Presider: And may God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, bless you and keep you all of your days.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #383

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;

angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Presider:

The Reverend Robert Gorham

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The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Intercessor:

Danylo Dzwonyk

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Su Laine Varkey

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— ○ — Announcements — ○ —

- 1. RUMMAGE INTAKE:** Our Fall Rummage Lawn Sale is on Saturday, September 16th (10am-2pm). For the sale, we will be accepting donations on every Saturday in August from 11am-2pm at the Atrium Doors.
- 2. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** Between July 1 and September 3, 2023, seventeen Pow Wows are being held in Ontario. These cultural gatherings are an important part of Indigenous identity, and are filled with joy, ceremony and fellowship. The Chippewas of Rama First Nation are holding a Pow Wow on August 26-27, 2023 in Orillia, Ontario. The Chippewas are Ojibwe peoples, part of the Three Fires Confederacy along with the Odawa and Potawatomi Nations. The Chippewas of Rama First Nation are guardians of the Mnjikaning ('Near the Fence') fish weirs located at the Atherley Narrows where Lake Couchiching and Lake Simcoe meet. The weirs are one of the oldest human developments in North America, carbon-dated to have been built around 5,000 years ago, and used since then by the Wendat Nations and others. The site has historically been used as neutral grounds, where First Nations people gathered to enjoy festivities, exchange goods, and share information, ceremony and storytelling. In 1982, the Federal Government officially declared the weirs a National Historic Site.
- 3. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Each year in Canada, about 25 million birds die as a direct result from collisions with buildings. FLAP (Fatal Light Awareness Program) has information and initiatives to take on supporting bird-friendly building legislation and also on how to reduce and prevent bird collisions on cottage and home windows. [Source: www.flap.org]

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (*ho-den-oh-show-nee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nah-bek*) Nations, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. This territory is part of the *Dish with One Spoon Treaty*, an agreement between the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (*North America*) and we seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we meet and worship on this territory. We are grateful for the resources we are using, and honour all the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

! VISITOR INFORMATION



Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.

Large Print Orders of Service are available.

Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park

Wednesday, July 26

11:00am Holy Eucharist
In person, followed by lunch

Saturday, July 29

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, July 30

8:00am Holy Eucharist
In person

9:15am Holy Eucharist
& Sunday School
In person

10:30 am Holy Eucharist
In person & Livestreamed



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